All India Cultural/Folklore festivals

*326. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to organize All India Cultural/Folklore Festivals once or twice a year at different locations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether some kind of national award and recognition with cash prizes could be extended at such festivals to honour new talented artists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Culture and its autonomous organizations organise All India Cultural/Folklore festivals on a regular basis. The Republic Day folk Dance festival at Delhi, organised by Zonal Cultural Centres, is an annual feature. The National Theatre festival and Children's Theatre festival, organised by National School of Drama, are also annual features. Sangeet Natak Akademi organises national festivals of music, dance and theatre in different parts of the country on a regular basis. A festival of dance, music and theatre featuring the Awardees of each year follows the Annual Award ceremony of Sangeet Natak Akademi.

Zonal Cultural Centres organise inter zonal festivals under the National Cultural Exchange Programme.

(c) The proposal will be given due consideration.

Privatisation of Pawan Hans

*327. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. (PHHL) has signed MoU with C.H.C. Helicopters International recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what manner it will help PHHL's business opportunities;

(d) whether Government are considering the privatisation of PHHL; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?